**HOW TO BE SAVED**

Romans 9:30-10:21

Key Verse 10:9

*That if you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

**\*Introduction[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. What was Paul’s heart’s desire and prayer for the Israelites? Why? (10:1-2a) What happened when the Israelites’ zeal was not based on knowledge? (2-3)? In what way is Christ the culmination of the law? (4; Mt 5:17[[2]](#footnote-2), Gal 3:24-25[[3]](#footnote-3))
2. How did the Gentiles obtain righteousness and were saved? (9:30) Why not also the Jews? (9:31-33) How difficult is it to obtain righteousness that is by the law? (10:5; James 2:10-11[[4]](#footnote-4)) Yet, how easy is it to obtain righteousness that is by faith? (6-10)
3. What is the message of faith? (9) How is Jesus’ resurrection related to Him being Lord? (Ro 1:4[[5]](#footnote-5)) Practically, what does it mean to you that ‘Jesus is Lord?’ How can someone be saved? (9-10)? What does God promise in Scripture? (11-13)
4. What are the five stages that lead to someone being saved? (14-15) Who initiates gospel preaching? (15) How do the rhetorical questions emphasise the importance of outreach?
5. How did the Israelites respond to the good news (16-21)? What can we learn about God’s way of working and his heart for obstinate people?

1. In Romans 9:1-29, Paul dealt with Israel's rejection of the Messiahship of Jesus from the standpoint of divine sovereignty and mercy, showing that God's program had not failed. All that has happened is within His program of sovereignty and election. In this section (9:30—10:21), Paul deals with the same subject but from the standpoint of human responsibility, and shows how and why Israel has failed. Out of his great mercy, God provided the way of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. All those, and only those, who accept Jesus as Lord are saved. The Jews did not accept Jesus as Lord. They tried to establish their own righteousness through the works of the law. In this study, let’s deeply think about how someone can be saved. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Mt 5:17** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Gal 3:24-25** So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **James 2:10-11**: For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” b also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Rom 1:4** and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord [↑](#footnote-ref-5)